

## **2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

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## SENIOR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### Celebrating 80 Years of Faithfulness

Dear Church Family,

It is with immense joy and gratitude that I present this year's Annual Report as we celebrate a historic milestone: 80 years of ministry as a church family! As only the fifth Senior Pastor of Oak Park, I am incredibly humbled to be celebrating this milestone with you. This is a momentous occasion to reflect on God's faithfulness, to rejoice in the incredible ways He continues to work among us, and to anticipate together with hope how He will continue to lead and challenge us.

#### **80 Years Strong: Honouring Our Past, Building Our Future**

In June 2024, we marked the completion of our long-anticipated building renovation with a grand Open House celebration. This was the most significant capital project our church has taken on since this building in Cedarbrae was constructed more than 35 years ago. This milestone was not just a construction project, but a testament to God's provision, generosity, and the unified spirit of our congregation. Our new and updated spaces are already enhancing our ministry and outreach as we step boldly into the next chapter of our church's story.

#### **Church Growth: Vibrancy and Connection**

Our Sunday attendance has continued its remarkable growth. After seeing an average weekly increase in attendance of over 20 attendees in 2023, we experienced another surge in 2024, with the average weekly attendance increasing by another 35+ individuals. The energy and diversity of our services are a testament to the Holy Spirit's work among us.

### Financial Milestones: Generosity Beyond Measure

For the second consecutive year, we set a new high-water mark in giving. Both the General Fund and the Infinitely More Campaign saw unprecedented generosity, resulting in record-breaking total revenue for 2024. Your faithfulness is enabling us to expand our ministry and outreach in meaningful and impactful ways.

### Celebrations: Life-Changing Commitments

This year, we rejoiced with seven individuals who publicly declared their faith through baptism and celebrated the marriages of two couples who joined in covenant before God. These sacred moments remind us of the transformative power of God's love at work in our lives and community.

▼ *A joyful embrace after the baptism of Bella Basaraba*







↑ **Friday night Youth Group continues to grow in community and numbers**



**Rob Beingessner working at the Kids' Park check-in desk** ↑

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Kids' Park:** Under the leadership of Kate Petry, who joined us in May and has been an incredible gift to our staff and congregation, Kids' Park has continued to flourish. Many weeks see over 60 children engaged in this vibrant ministry, building a strong foundation of faith in the next generation. A huge thank you to those who have stepped up to serve in Kids' Park, taking the opportunity to model and teach these children the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Seniors' Ministry:** This past year our Seniors' Lunches have had an average of over 140 attendees, the highest number we have ever had. These events continue to foster a sense of belonging and community among our senior members.

**Youth Group:** The Youth Group continues to grow and thrive, under the steadfast leadership of Ben Joubert, offering meaningful discipleship and opportunities for spiritual growth. The addition of the Youth Room has been an opportunity for some of the teens to take more leadership and

has fostered more of a sense of community among them. It has been wonderful to see some of our Young Adults step up and become Youth Leaders – what an example and a gift for our Youth.

**Discipleship and Preaching:** We have been immensely blessed by Pastor Alvin's expanded role in preaching this year as he has challenged and encouraged us. He and his Discipleship Team have been working on a Discipleship Roadmap that includes courses like Practicing the Way and The Sanctuary Course, which were extremely well-attended this year and have enriched our community's spiritual depth and connection.

**Helping Hands Ministry:** This vital ministry continues to be a beacon of hope in the Oak Park neighbourhood. As I reflect on the year, one of the most encouraging things has been the emergence of key volunteers in Helping Hands who are members of the neighbourhood, but not Sunday morning attendees. What a gift to serve alongside these folks and build relationships as we carry on with gospel-work.

There is so much more that could – and probably should – be mentioned here. Community Tutoring continues to be a one-of-a-kind gift to the wider Oak Park neighbourhood and the team is working hard to faithfully attend to the increasing number of students seeking help. Behind the scenes the Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee has made transformative progress on some short, mid, and long-term goals as well as some internal restructuring to ensure there is missional alignment across leadership and ministries. Shelley and our Worship Teams continue to bless us through the ministry of music. And through the hospitality and administrative gifting of Padraig (office manager), and the careful management of Paul (facility manager), our building continues to be used for numerous other community groups – SW 55+ Connect, Girl Guides, Pathfinders, Narcotics Anonymous, Hope for Life Christian Fellowship, and Happy Time Child Care.

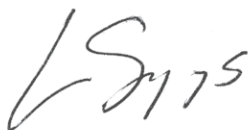
### Looking Ahead

As we celebrate 80 years of God's faithfulness, we are filled with anticipation for what lies ahead. Our mission statement, "Living out God's transforming love," continues to guide and inspire our work together. Let us remain steadfast in our calling, united in faith and love, as we journey into this new season of ministry.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

In Christ,



Lane Scruggs  
Senior Pastor

### 2024 Celebrations

#### Weddings

Meaghan Beingessner and Braeden Hessel  
Tim Graffunder and Isabella Van

#### Baptisms

Gaurik Khullar  
Bella Basaraba  
Russ and Cora Wynne  
Isaiah Lewis  
Kai Austria  
Becca Hall

#### Baby Dedications

Lewellyn Rochon  
Everett Hildebrandt







*An aerial view of the church showing the expanded foyer and new office space*



*A ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 23rd marked the completion of the 'Infinitely More' construction project*



*Tim Graffunder and Isabella Van celebrated their wedding on May 18, 2024*

## ELDERS' REPORT

The hand of God is at work!!

This past year has seen Oak Park Church of Christ celebrate a multitude of amazing milestones. The renovation of our church building was completed; our Sunday morning Kids' Park is bursting at the seams; and our Helping Hands ministry and Tutoring ministry have reached more people than ever before; our seniors' coffee and lunch events are overflowing our space; and now, most recently, we have moved to two Sunday morning services in order to accommodate the incredible growth we have experienced.

↓ *Meaghan Beingessner and Braeden Hessel were married at the church on November 23rd, 2024*



You might say that we have an amazingly gifted staff of caring and devoted pastors, and we do. You might say we have some very energetic volunteers who make amazing things happen around the church, and we do. You might even say that our beautiful new church building is attracting people from all over the neighborhood, and it is.

But, make no mistake, what we are witnessing is nothing less than the power and love of our glorious God and Father at work. He has created a place where people who are hungry for connection and community can meet together and call home. He has created opportunities for people to discover the joy and reward of serving others and living out sacrificial love. He offers the invitation to each of us to bare our hearts and be loved and valued, prayed for and walked with, on our journey together.

The hand of God becomes vibrant and alive when His children step out in faith and in sacrificial obedience. This is what I think we are seeing! I have seen our church family give more than we could ever ask, and God has jumped in and multiplied. I have heard fears about making some of our big changes, and I have listened to faithful leaders trusting and obeying God's leading with excitement and joy. God invites us all to join in. He doesn't want anyone left behind. Ask yourself where God is leading, and in faith and trust, and expectation and joy, watch His hand go to work!

**Robert Beingessner**  
Chair of the Elders



## BOARD REPORT

What a joy it has been to serve Oak Park as Board Chair during a year of challenge and growth! The completion of the building expansion and the ribbon cutting celebration was a highlight of the year, providing an opportunity to praise God for His faithful provision and acknowledge the commitment and hard work of staff, contractors and long serving church members.

We have been in a process of transition this year, shifting from a focus on building project completion to ensuring that we are using all of Oak Park's resources to effectively live out the transforming love of Jesus in our community. Under David Sharpe's effective leadership, the Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee has developed a roadmap with clear goals, timelines and deliverables to support all ministries and business areas of the church in pursuing our mission together. As a result, important work is underway to clarify how we will sustain and grow our global missions partnerships and our outward facing local community services, while continuing to provide for the spiritual, emotional and practical needs of our congregation now and for the generations to come.

Board committees have worked hard this year, with input from the Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee and the Elders, to ensure that policies and workflow processes are updated to support our growing congregation and financial commitments, and to ensure the future sustainability of our mission and vision. Significant progress has been seen in the development of our Finance Team and the effectiveness of our bookkeeping, financial reporting and budget allocation work. Governance policies have undergone significant review and updating to reflect our evolving working committee structure.

The Building Committee is faithfully stewarding our enlarged and improved physical infrastructure to ensure it is well maintained and that processes are in place to maximize the benefit of this resource in Kingdom building. I deeply appreciate the hard work and dedication of our Board members and committee leads in these important but often unseen areas of ministry.

It has been awesome to see how God has blessed our intentional efforts to invite others to experience Christ's transforming love. Our church has continued to see significant growth, through births and in the welcoming of newcomers, and this has stretched every area of ministry at Oak Park, from Kids' Park to Seniors. We have celebrated baby dedications, baptisms, increased membership and burgeoning attendance. Big challenges require bold faith and a willingness to try new things, and we have recently moved to hosting two services on Sunday mornings. It has been encouraging to watch our church family rise to this challenge, increasing participation in volunteer ministry to ensure all programs are able to run during both services.

These important efforts are all undergirded by an amazing pastoral and staff team, whose tireless work in leading our church well does not go unnoticed. We are so blessed with the quality and commitment of our pastors and staff and to benefit from the way they model servanthood and personal sacrifice to further the Gospel. It has been wonderful to have Pastor Kate join our staff team this year to lead our growing children's ministry.

I want to acknowledge all of you – our church family – for your faithfulness, generosity and mission focus over the past year. You have given financially to support the work of the church and continue to



*The 'Helping Hands' ministry has enjoyed the addition of many neighbourhood volunteers*



↑ *The Seniors' Lunches continue to draw large numbers of attendees from both Oak Park and the surrounding communities*



↑ *The Lifeline Meal Pack event saw dozens of volunteers- adults and children- pack more than 20,000 meals*



honour your pledges to the Infinitely More campaign. You share your time and talents in ministry to one another and to the surrounding community. You are active participants in each other's lives through prayer, hospitality, the sharing of food, participation in Growth Groups and courses, and by your faithful church attendance. You help make Oak Park Church the heart and home of its community by volunteering with Helping Hands, Community Tutoring, Seniors' ministries and Youth ministry. I love this church and its people, and I love participating in the work God is doing among us.

I am ending my term with the Board as Michael joins me in retirement and we plan for a future move to Saskatoon to be near family. While we anticipate this next chapter with gratitude and joy, we will be very sad to leave our church and all of you. We will carry you in our hearts and continue to hold you close in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Kerr  
*Chair of the Board*

#### **2024 Board**

**Julie Kerr** (Chair)

**Rick Lautischer**  
(Vice Chair and Building Committee Rep)

**Deb Moore** (Secretary)

**Rachel Austria** (Member at large)

**Janel Prasad** (Member at large)

**Jason Rochon** (Treasurer)

**Kenzie Rushton** (ex officio)

Non-voting members:

**Lane Scruggs** (Senior Pastor) and  
**Rob Beingsnessner** (Chair of the Elders)

## 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT: BUDGET vs. ACTUALS

January – December 2024

	2022 ACTUALS	2023 ACTUALS	2024 ACTUALS	2024 BUDGET
General Fund Offering	\$387,343.00	\$466,928.00	\$487,560.76	\$465,000.00
Rental Income	\$82,417.00	\$79,780.00	\$101,485.00	\$80,000.00
Other	\$0.00	\$26,590.00	\$38,002.18	\$2,300.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$469,760.00</b>	<b>\$573,298.00</b>	<b>\$627,047.94</b>	<b>\$547,300.00</b>
Operations	\$31,443.00	\$39,831.00	\$71,079.13	\$38,250.00
Occupancy	\$49,580.00	\$73,736.00	\$72,497.18	\$58,000.00
Events/Community	\$2,399.00	\$4,211.00	\$26,277.51	\$9,500.00
Staffing	\$327,749.00	\$386,191.00	\$406,120.55	\$411,500.00
Ministries	\$43,825.00	\$55,399.00	\$29,355.05	\$22,600.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$454,996.00</b>	<b>\$559,368.00</b>	<b>\$605,329.42</b>	<b>\$539,850.00</b>
<b>Balance at Year End</b>	<b>\$14,764.00</b>	<b>\$13,930.00</b>	<b>\$21,718.52</b>	<b>\$7,450.00</b>
Missions Revenue	\$87,714.00	\$70,742.00	\$49,605.68	\$41,000.00
Missions Expense	\$74,826.00	\$121,302.00	\$40,065.22	\$45,000.00
<b>Balance at Year End</b>	<b>\$12,888.00</b>	<b>-\$50,560.00</b>	<b>\$9,540.46</b>	<b>-\$4,000.00</b>
Benevolence Revenue	\$11,851.00	\$6,456.00	\$8,336.00	\$6,000.00
Benevolence Expense	\$7,161.00	\$6,300.00	\$4,273.43	\$9,000.00
<b>Balance at Year End</b>	<b>\$4,690.00</b>	<b>\$156.00</b>	<b>\$4,062.57</b>	<b>-\$3,000.00</b>
Next Gen Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,470.00	\$17,500.00
Next Gen Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,980.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance at Year End</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$490.00</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>
IM Campaign Revenue	\$108,415.00	\$1,202,250.00	\$203,717.33	\$157,000.00
IM Campaign Expense	\$120,724.00	\$1,560,904.00	\$1,005,355.13	\$65,380.00
<b>Balance at Year End</b>	<b>-\$12,309.00</b>	<b>-\$358,654.00</b>	<b>-\$801,637.80</b>	<b>\$91,620.00</b>

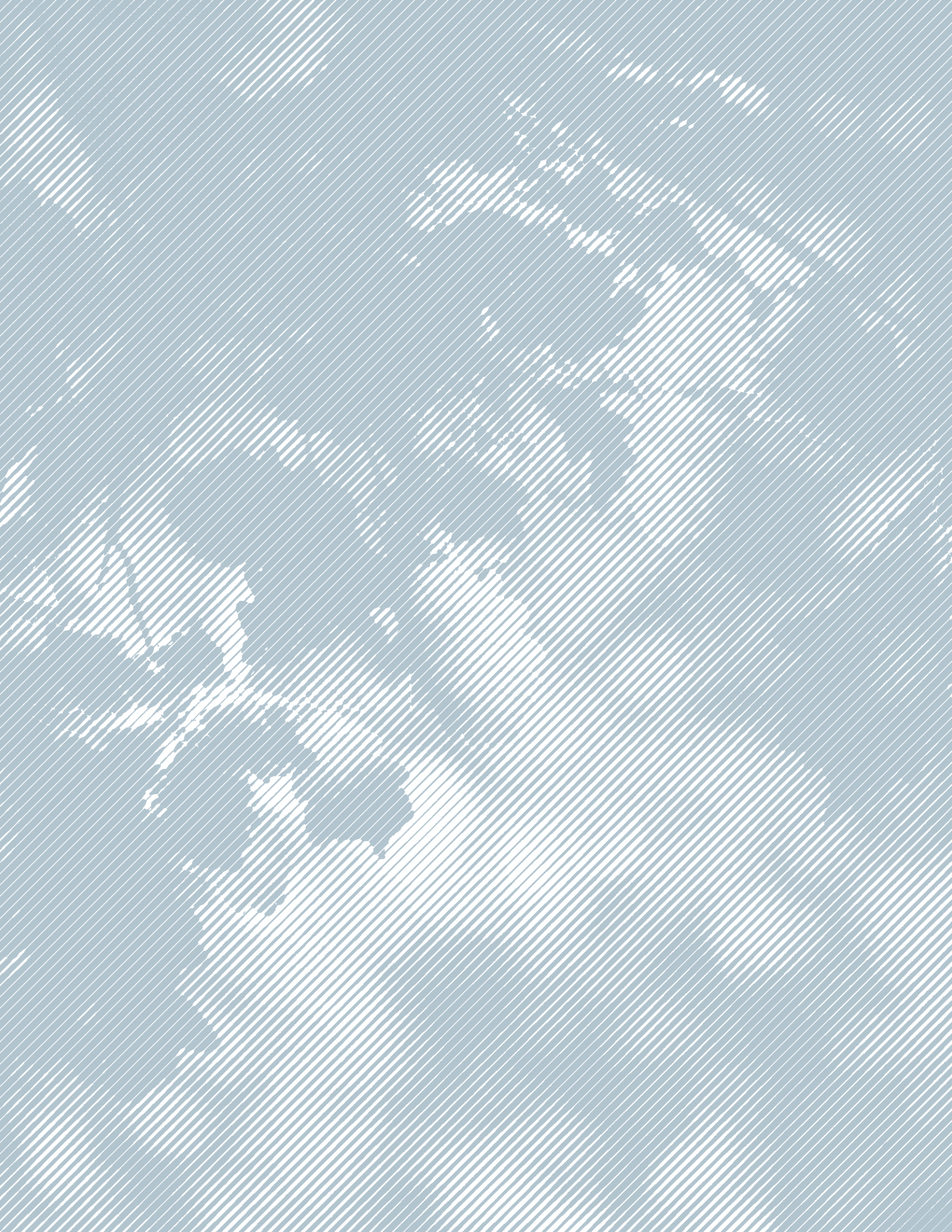
- 2024, 2023, and 2022 full accountant reviewed annual statements available upon request to the office
- Please note that at the time of printing, the 2024 financial review by our external accountant (Dart Bryant LLP) was not complete. Figures reported in this document are subject to adjustments by Dart Bryant.



## **2025 AGM INFORMATION**

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## 2025 AGENDA

1. **Opening Prayer** – Rob Beingessner (Chair of the Elders)
2. **Welcome and Declaration of Quorum** – Julie Kerr (Chair of the Board)
3. **Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes** – Julie Kerr (Chair of the Board)  
*Motion: "That all 2024 AGM Minutes be approved as presented."*
4. **Approval of all 2024 Written Reports (excepting Finance)** – Julie Kerr (Chair of the Board)  
*Motion: "That all 2024 written reports, excepting Finance, be approved as presented."*
5. **Approval of Proposed Constitution Amendments** – Deb Moore (Secretary and Governance Committee Chair)  
*Motion: "That the amendments to the Constitution be approved as presented."*
6. **2024 Financial Report** – Jason Rochon (Treasurer)  
*Motion: "That the 2024 financial statements be approved as presented."*
7. **Proposed 2025 Budget** – Jason Rochon (Treasurer)  
*Motion: "That the 2025 operating budget be approved as presented."*
8. **Affirmation of new Board members** – Julie Kerr (Chair of the Board)  
*Motion: "That Steve Marston and Heather Parkinson be affirmed as members of the Board"*
9. **Presentation of 2025 Board** – Julie Kerr (Chair of the Board)
10. **Infinitely More Campaign Update** – Michael Kerr (Co-chair of the 'Infinitely More' Campaign)
11. **Strategic Planning and Implementation Committee Report** – Dave Sharpe (Chair of the Committee)
12. **Acknowledgement of Service** – Lane Scruggs (Senior Pastor)
13. **Closing Prayer** – Rob Beingessner (Chair of the Elders)
14. **Motion to Adjourn Meeting** – Julie Kerr (Chair of the Board)  
*Motion: "That the 2025 Annual General Meeting be adjourned"*

2025 MISSION SUPPORT

The allocated budget for supporting mission partners in 2025 is \$24,000, equivalent to approximately 5% of the 2024 general fund contributions. The Missions Committee will determine the allocation of these funds among the respective partners.

Lifeline Christian Mission
Lifeline Christian Mission Meal Pack
Graceland Ministries
Pioneer Bible Translators (Norm Weatherhead)
Tabuk Refuge of Hope International (Vienna Moilliet)
Vision Ministries Canada
Power to Change (Ben and Chantal Joubert)

*Please note that former Missions Partners Pine Lake Christian Camp and Alberta Bible College are now supported through the Next Gen Ministry Fund.*

Other partners, listed below, will receive only those funds that are designated specifically to them:

**Health Care Plus**  
(Paul and Mary Davis)

**Short Term Missions**

**Streetlight**  
(Youth Unlimited)

**The Mustard Seed**

All donations to any other missions or charities that are not listed here must be made directly to those organizations.

## 2025 ELDERS



**Rob Beingessner (Chair)**



**Mike O'Toole**



**Ron Fraser**



**George Graffunder**



**Lane Scruggs**



## 2025 BOARD



**Rick Lautischer** (Chair)



**Deb Moore** (Secretary)



**Jason Rochon** (Treasurer)



**Julie Kerr** (Past Chair)

Non-voting members:  
**Lane Scruggs** (Senior Pastor) and  
**Rob Beingessner** (Chair of the Elders)

## 2025 NEW BOARD MEMBERS



**Steve Marston** was raised in a Christian home but still clearly remembers one summer at Beebe Camp in southern Quebec and the impact it had on his life. At the end of the evangelistic presentation he realized God was speaking to his heart, so he quietly went forward and knelt at the front of an old chapel and dedicated his life to following Christ's ways and His Word. His love for Christ grew while he finished school and attended university.

He and Lynn were married in 1986 and headed west to start their new life together in Calgary; he as a geophysicist and she as a teacher. A church in the Southwest soon became their home church and where they raised their three children. They now delight in six grandchildren and gladly take every opportunity to be with them and their parents.

Steve has been involved in many ministry opportunities over the years: camp ministry, elder teams, missions committee, small groups, greeter and prayer teams, and he even worked full-time as an Executive Pastor for seven years before retiring to pickleball. God has placed a deep love of the local church on Steve and Lynn's hearts and they have been blessed by many mature believers who have built into their lives. They have been attending Oak Park since 2023 and Steve is excited to join the Board.



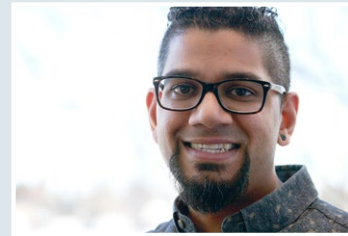
**Heather Parkinson** has been attending Oak Park Church since 2009 with her husband, Darren, as well as their children, Dylan and Zach, who are now grown. Over her years at Oak Park, she has enjoyed serving with many teams: Worship, Coffee, Seniors' Lunch, Kids' Park, VBS, and the Gala du Chocolat fundraiser for Haiti (many years ago). Oak Park is very dear to her as it has opened her life up to following Jesus and the many blessings that it provides, including being baptized here in 2013. It has also given her a chance to serve fellow worshipers as well as our community. The opportunity for her to serve on the Board came unexpectedly, but perfectly timed and she is very much looking forward to serving in this capacity!

Along with her faith in God, she will be drawing on the experience she has attained over the years as a manager, parent council member, and entrepreneur, to help guide her service in this position.

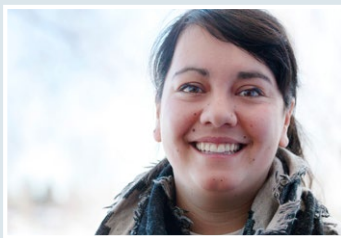
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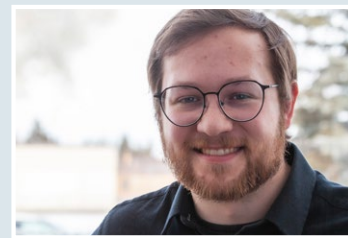
**Lane Scruggs** (Senior Pastor)



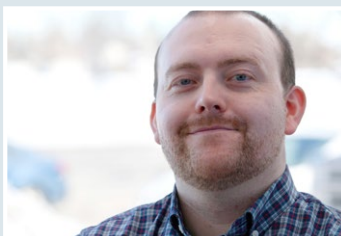
**Alvin Ram** (Associate Pastor)



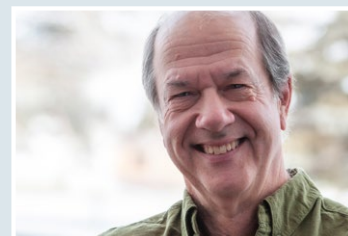
**Shelley Potts** (Worship and Arts Pastor)



**Ben Joubert** (Youth and Young Adults Pastor)



**Padraig McMullan** (Office Manager)



**Paul Ustick** (Facility Manager)



**Kate Petry** (Kids' Park Pastor)

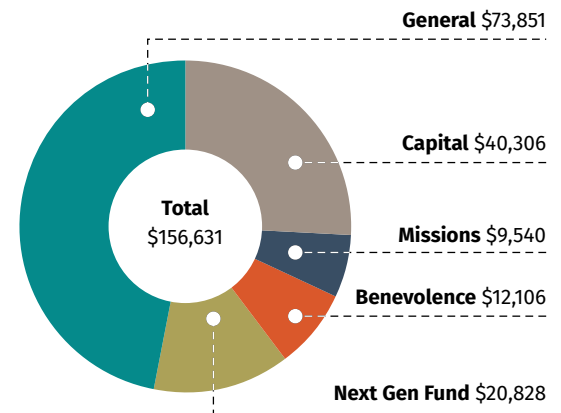


## 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2025 BUDGET	2024 ACTUALS
Gen Fund Offering	\$505,000.00	\$487,560.76
Rental Income	\$106,000.00	\$101,485.00
Other	\$36,000.00	\$38,002.18
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$647,000.00</b>	<b>\$627,047.94</b>
Operations	\$54,300.00	\$71,079.13
Occupancy	\$83,500.00	\$72,497.18
Events/Community	\$30,000.00	\$26,277.51
Staffing	\$426,750.00	\$406,120.55
Ministries	\$33,400.00	\$29,355.05
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$627,950.00</b>	<b>\$605,329.42</b>
Reserve Fund Recoup	\$20,000.00	\$21,000.00
<b>Balance at Year's End</b>	<b>-\$950.00</b>	<b>\$718.52</b>
Missions Revenue	\$20,000.00	\$49,605.68
Missions Expense	\$24,000.00	\$40,065.22
<b>Balance at Year's End</b>	<b>-\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$9,540.46</b>
Benevolence Revenue	\$7,000.00	\$8,336.00
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Next Gen Revenue	\$4,000.00	\$3,470.00
Next Gen Expense	\$4,000.00	\$2,980.00
<b>Balance at Year's End</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$490.00</b>
IM Campaign Revenue	\$106,500.00	\$203,717.33
IM Campaign Expense	\$127,752.00	\$1,005,355.13
<b>Balance at Year's End</b>	<b>-\$21,252.00</b>	<b>-\$801,637.80</b>

### Funds Summary

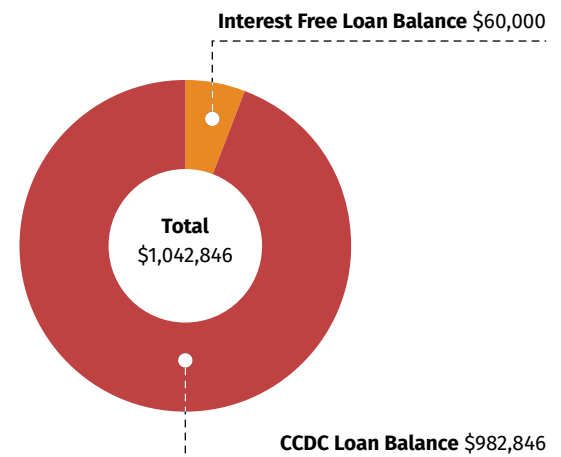
Balances as of December 31, 2024



(The Missions Fund Balance will be fully distributed before the 2025 AGM)

### Liabilities

as of December 31, 2024



## APPENDIX 1: 2024 AGM MINUTES

March 17, 2024

- 1 **Opening Prayer** – Rob Beingessner (Chair of the Elders)  
Rob opened the AGM at 12:23 p.m. with prayer.
- 2 **Welcome and Declaration of Quorum** – Kenzie Rushton (Chair of the Board)  
Quorum made – 91 voting members in attendance.
- 3 **Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes** – Kenzie Rushton (Chair of the Board)  
*Motion: Moved by Matthew Morris and seconded by Chuck Fraser that the 2023 AGM Minutes be approved as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.*
- 4 **Approval of all 2023 Written Reports (excepting Finance)** – Kenzie Rushton (Chair of the Board)  
*Motion: Moved by Julie Kerr and seconded by Danielle Morris that all 2023 written reports, excepting Finance, be approved as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.*
- 5 **2023 Financial Report** – Jason Rochon (Treasurer) Presentation/Discussion of 2023 Financial Report:
  - Giving to General Fund increased by 14% in 2023.
  - Factors related to the deficit included staff turnover and occupancy costs during construction.
  - Further financial and operational detail, including mortgage status/payment schedule and cash balances in existing fund accounts, are available upon request.*Motion: Moved by Len MacDonald and seconded by Deanna Pearce that the 2023 financial statements be approved as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.*
- 6 **Proposed New Missionary Support** – Mary Davis (Missions Committee) Presentation/Discussion:
  - Power to Change (university campus ministry) – 71% support has been raised to date.
    - Ben Joubert to continue working part-time with OPCC and part-time with Power to Change.
    - Chantal Joubert to work full-time with Power to Change.
  - Donors encouraged to give to OPCC ministry partners through OPCC – all donations to go to ministry partners, with no maximum or cap set, with charitable receipts provided by Oak Park Church of Christ Finance Committee.
  - Fund disbursements for Power to Change to be distributed on a monthly basis.*Motion: Moved by Kenneth Cheung and seconded by Meaghan Beingessner that 'Power to Change' be added to the list of supported missions as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.*
- 7 **Approval of 2024 Financial Allocations to Supported Missions/Missionaries** – Mary Davis (Missions Committee)  
Presentation/Discussion:
  - The 2024 minimum budget amounts for support of the following Mission Partners:
    - Alberta Bible College – \$500.00
    - Graceland Ministries – \$1750.00

- Pine Lake Christian Camp - \$5000.00
- Pioneer Bible Translators - \$1750.00
- Tabuk Refuge of Hope International - \$2350.00
- Vision Ministries Canada - \$1250.00
- Power to Change - \$2400.00
- Mission funds are provided through designated giving with shortfalls covered initially by undesignated missions giving and then General Fund, as required.
- Vision Ministries continues to provide support and resources for initiatives related to church planting and working with new Canadians.
- Other mission partners include the following – only funds designated will be disbursed to:
  - Health Care Plus
  - Lifeline Christian Mission
  - Short Term Mission Ministry Expenses
  - Streetlight (Youth Unlimited)
  - The Mustard Seed
- The Missions fund disbursement schedule is currently bi-annually (every six months) for all mission partners except Power to Change (monthly). Review of disbursement schedule conducted annually.
- The Missions Policy-Procedure is available upon request.

*Motion: Moved by Doris MacKinnon and seconded by Janel Prasad that the 2024 financial allocations to supported missions/missionaries be approved as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.*

**8 Proposed New Staff Retention Strategy** – Kenzie Rushton (Chair of the Board) Presentation/Discussion:

- This proposed staff benefit, in consultation with the Church of Christ Development Company (CCDC) and independent lawyers, would provide an opportunity to leverage lower interest rates offered by CCDC through a legal rent to own agreement.
- Detail related to the specifics, including tax requirements/implications for the homeowner (staff) and OPCC, will be further explored upon approval by the congregation to proceed.

*Motion: Moved by Trevor Zimmerman and seconded by Keith Traptow that as a staff retention, the Board be given the authority to approve the purchase of a home using up to a \$520,000 loan through Church of Christ Development Company (CCDC), with Oak Park Church of Christ (OPCC) as the mortgagee. The staff who agrees to take advantage of this opportunity will accept all home ownership and loan responsibilities through a rent to own formal legal agreement. All in favour. Motion carried.*



9 **Proposed 2024 Budget** – Jason Rochon (Treasurer) Presentation/Discussion:

- Budget proposal for revenue and expenditures projects a deficit of \$12,500.00 with Reserve Fund recuperation of \$21,000.00.
- *Infinitely More* Campaign – proposed revenue of \$175,000 would add \$17,500 to the Next Gen endowment fund; Mortgage expenses - \$65,000.00 annually.
- For further information/detail, email treasurer@oakpark.ca
- Review with Dart Bryant accountants pending.

*Motion: Moved by Camryn Kerr and seconded by Linda Best that the 2024 operating budget be approved as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.*

10 **Presentation of 2024 Elders** – Rob Beingessner (Chair of the Elders)

- Rob Beingessner
- Ron Fraser
- George Graffunder
- Mike O'Toole
- Lane Scruggs

Presentation/Discussion:

- An update to the Governance Policies related to the Elder nomination process will allow for more careful consideration and input by congregational members through a three-month process not tied to the timing of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations can be initiated by any member and communicated to the Elders Team who will initiate an assessment process, including application, interviews and presentation for consideration of the candidate to the congregation. The congregation will be notified of the final decision by the Elders Team.

11 **Affirmation of Janel Prasad as a New Member of the Board** – Kenzie Rushton (Chair of the Board)

*Motion: Moved by Mike McKinnon and seconded by Amanda MacDonald that Janel Prasad be affirmed as a new member of the Board. All in favour. Motion carried.*

12 **Presentation of 2024 Board** – Kenzie Rushton (Chair of the Board)

- Rachel Austria
- Julie Kerr
- Rick Lautischer
- Deb Moore
- Janel Prasad
- Jason Rochon
- Kenzie Rushton

13 **Infinitely More Construction & Campaign Update** – Doug Walker (Chair of the Construction Team)

Presentation/Discussion:

- Project was delayed in spring 2023 due to some unexpected foundation preparation.
- Remaining work includes the glass wall and parking lots.
- Total project cost: \$2.5M to be paid through pledges, CFEP grant, interest, and loan through CCDC.
- New and/or early pledge fulfillment will lower the mortgage.
- Official Opening Celebration scheduled for June 23, 2024 – details to follow.

14 **Acknowledgments of Service** – Lane Scruggs (Senior Pastor)

- Doug Walker for providing faithful leadership for the building project over ten years.
- Kenzie Rushton for serving with excellence as Board Chair for the past two years.
- Mike and Kerry Grant for providing leadership and expertise to the Communications Team in the preparation of the 2023 Annual Report and 2024 AGM slide presentation.
- Dawn Driediger and Alvin Ram for supporting the AGM planning, past and present.

15 **Closing Prayer** – Rob Beingessner (Chair of the Elders) Rob closed the meeting in prayer at 2:16 p.m.

16 **Motion to Adjourn Meeting** – Kenzie Rushton (Chair of the Board)

*Motion: Moved by Matthew Morris and seconded by Lisa Proudfoot that the 2024 Annual General Meeting be adjourned. All in favour. Motion carried.*

APPENDIX 2: PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

SUBJECT: Governance		STATUS: DRAFT February 2025
DOCUMENT TITLE: <b>CONSTITUTION</b>		EFFECTIVE DATE: February 2021
PREPARED BY: Governance Committee	APPROVED BY: Congregation	NEXT REVIEW DATE: Annual Board Review

1 Purpose/Mission

The mission of Oak Park Church of Christ is to serve Christ and His mission laid out in the New Testament by Living Out God’s Transforming Love.

2 By-Laws

2.1.1 Name

This congregation is known as “Oak Park Church of Christ”, currently meeting at 11263 Oakfield Drive S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2W 4M2, accepting and advocating every other name of Christ’s Church found in the New Testament.

2.1.2 Objectives

This congregation shall strive to fulfill all the objectives set forth in its Constitution for the promoting of Christ’s Church in a manner defined in the Mission Statement included in the *Governance Policies* document, and shall therefore be dedicated to the restoration of New Testament Christianity in doctrine, practice, spirit and fruit.

2.1.3 Affiliation

This congregation is an autonomous congregationally governed body, having Christ as its head (Colossians 1:18), being subject to and in harmony with Him through its Constitution and in unity with all those who are “in Christ.” (Galatians 3:26-28)

2.1.4 Membership

Membership in Oak Park Church of Christ consists of those who have willingly and knowingly complied with and submitted to the conditions for membership as set out below:

- A. By its Constitution, has:
1. Heard the word of Christ (Romans 10:17), and
  2. Believed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 16:16; Acts 8:37 KJV; Romans 10:10), and
  3. Repented of sin (Acts 2:38, 17:30; Luke 24:24) and turned toward God (Acts 20:21), and
  4. Confessed that Jesus is the Son of God before witnesses (Acts 8:37 KJV; Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9), and

CURRENT:

The mission of this congregation is to serve Christ and his mission laid out in the New Testament by loving God, loving others and serving the world.



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5. Been immersed in water (Acts 2:38, 10:47) for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38, 22:16) in order to put on Christ (Galatians 3:27),
    - i. to become a new creature in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), and
    - ii. to become constituted a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 1:22-23; Acts 2:47) which is His church, and
  6. Displayed their relationship to Christ through a consistent Christian lifestyle (Colossians 1:9-12; 1 Corinthians 15:58, and Hebrews 3:14),
- B. and by Congregational Policy, has:
1. Expressed their desire to work and to worship in the fellowship of this congregation (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:23-25; Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 4:11-13),
  2. Read and signed the Member Covenant
  3. Been welcomed by church letter, and
  4. Maintained their relationship and conformity to Oak Park Church of Christ's Constitution by faithfulness in life and to the services and efforts of the congregation.

### 2.1.5 Termination of Membership

Membership is not in perpetuity and can be terminated:

- A. Upon request of the Member,
- B. By a physical move of a member out of the local area – automatic after one (1) year of no attendance,
- C. By a lack of involvement noted as one full year without attending a Sunday service,
- D. By default of support, interest and participation in the services and efforts of the congregation (Hebrews 10:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14, 15) without justifiable and extenuating circumstances or cause, with removal being recommended by the Elders,
- E. By gross and persistent violation of the Constitution of the congregation, with removal being recommended by the Elders, or
- F. By death of the Member.

A current membership list is to be maintained, kept on site, and available for examination according to the *Religious Societies' Land Act* (Alberta). This list will be used for determining a quorum figure for congregational meetings.

Additional privileges and obligations of a Member are detailed further in the *Governance Policies* document.

Voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting and any other specified business meeting will be extended to any member who is sixteen (16) years of age at the date of the meeting and subject to further conditions detailed in the *Governance Policies* document.

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#### 2.1.6 Congregational Authority

The affairs of the congregation are administered by congregational authority at the Annual General Meeting. The members will elect a Board at the Annual General Meeting. Elders are appointed through a congregational discernment process to represent the congregation throughout the year. How the Board and Elders are comprised is outlined in the *Governance Policies* document.

#### 2.1.7 Net Worth

The net worth of Oak Park Church of Christ is vested in the legal entity of Oak Park Church of Christ being a charity registered under the *Religious Societies' Land Act* (Alberta). In the event of liquidation or dissolution of Oak Park Church of Christ the assets will pass to another charity with similar objectives selected by the Congregation or by the Courts.

Any change of ownership of this property, or any portion thereof, is subject to the rules of meetings and quorum as set out in the *Governance Policies* document and the *Religious Societies' Land Act* (Alberta).

#### 2.1.8 Meetings

Detailed requirements for the calling of, purpose and procedures for all meetings are included in the *Governance Policies* document.

*Robert's Rules of Order* shall prevail at all business meetings and 1 Corinthians 14:40 ("Let all things be done decently and in order") shall prevail in all things.

#### 2.1.9 Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments or additions to the Constitution may be made at the Annual General Meeting or at a specially called meeting of the congregation for that purpose. Proper notice of intent to change or supplement the Constitution must be made via the *Governance Policies*, specifically regarding notification and quorum.

#### 2.1.10 References

- A. Religious Societies' Land Act (Alberta)
- B. Governance Policies

#### CURRENT:

The congregation will elect a Board and Elders at the Annual General Meeting to represent them throughout the year.

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